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SUBJ: SIHANOUK ARRIVES FOR VISIT TO SENEGAL

1. PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK ARRIVED IN SENEGAL MAY 10 FOR 3 DAY
OFFICIAL VISIT, WELCOMED BY SENGHOR (WHO USED MONARCHICAL TITLE
" ALTESSE ROYALE" IN ADDRESSING SIHANOUK) AS " GREAT CHIEF OF STATE
AND OLD FRIEND" AND " LIBERATOR WHO HAS PERMITTED CAMBODIAN PEOPLE
TO
RECOVER ITS INDEPENDENCE". SIHANOUK HAILED SENGHOR FOR HIS SUPPORT,
WHICH, HE SAID, " FOR US IS OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE".

2. IN SPITE OF EFFUSIVE PRAISE FROM SENGHOR AND RADIO SENEGAL
BROADCASTS IN WOLOF WHICH ATTEMPTED TO LINK SIHANOUK (INCORRECTLY
AND MISLEADINGLY) TO RICE SHIPMENTS WHICH COULD RELIEVE CURRENT
RICE SHORTAGE, POPULAR ENTHUSIASM APPEARED TO REACH NEW LOW FOR
OFFICIAL VISIT OF THIS KIND. CROWDS WELCOMING SIHANOUK WERE THIN,
COMPOSED MOSTLY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND EVEN SOME GRUMBLING WAS
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HEARD RE COST OF VISIT IN HONOR OF SOMEONE WHOSE IMPORTANCE TO SENEGAL IS SO REMOTE. NEVERTHELESS, DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL, BEATING DRUM FOR SIHANOUK, HAILED HIM AS " HISTORIC PERSONAGE" ON EXAMPLE OF GENERAL DE GAULLE, PRAISED HIS " COURAGE AND LUCIDITY", AND TERMED HIM " LEGAL CHIEF OF STATE OF CAMBODIA".

3. SIHANOUJ' S OFFICIAL SUITE IS COMPOSED OF M LENG SARY, DESCRIBED AS " SPECIAL ENVOY" OF CAMBODIAN NATIONAL UNITED FRONT (FUNC); M SARIN CHHAK, DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FUNC AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ROYAL GOVERNMENT; M CHAN YOURAN, DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU, MINISTER OF POPULAR EDUCATION AND YOUTH IN ROYAL GOVERNMENT, AND AMBASSADOR OF KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA TO SENEGAL; GENERAL DUONG SAM OI, DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU AND MINISTER IN CHARGE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT; M CHEA SAN, DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE; HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE SISOWATH MMETHAVI, DESCRIBED AS CHIEF OF STATE' S DIRECTEUR DE CABINET. MRS SARIN CHHAK, MRS CHAN YOURAN, AND MRS DUONG SAM OL ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY.

4. LE SOLEIL NOTES THAT SIHANOUK' S CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOW RECOGNIZED BY 37 STATES, TOTAL WHICH INCLUDES 18 AFRICAN STATES AND EL FATAH. (SENEGAL HAD NO SMALL ROLE IN ENCOURAGING RECOGNITION FROM NUMBER OF FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN STATES.)

5. AFTER SENEGAL SIHANOUK WILL VISIT GUINEA, MALI, CONGO, AND ZAMBIA. IN ORDER TO IMMORTALIZE THIS ROUND OF VISITS, AMBASSADOR CHAN YOURAN INDICATED THAT SIHANOUK HAS RECENTLY COMPOSED A MUSICAL

WORK WHICH WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE IN NEAR FUTURE.
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